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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed with a 35 U.S.C. 365 filing of a PCT International Application designating the United States.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A pneumatic radial ply runflat tire [(10)] having a tread [(12)], a carcass [(25)] with two sidewalls, [(18,19) and] two inextensible annular beads, [(26) and] a radial ply structure [(37)] of one or more radial plies [(30,40)] and one or more inserts [(46,48)], and a belt structure [(16)] located between the tread and the radial ply structure, the runflat tire characterized by:
a fabric underlay [(60)] deployed between the belt structure [(16)] and the radial ply structure [(37)] for supporting tensile loads during both normal-inflated and runflat operating conditions, the fabric underlay containing high-modulus reinforcing cords [(62)] being aligned from about 0 degrees to less than 20 degrees with respect to the equatorial plane of the tire.